

Message

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Sent: 2/17/2022 10:05:16 PM
To: Robichaud, Jeffery [Robichaud.Jeffery@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Press Inquiry: Grist Interview Request - Treated Seeds & AltEn

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Cc: Bruno, Jodi <Bruno.Jodi@epa.gov>; Humphrey, Leslie <Humphrey.Leslie@epa.gov>
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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

INQUIRY: Treated Seeds & AltEn site in Nebraska
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Inquiry:

I'm a reporter for Grist, where I'm working on a story about pesticide-treated seeds in the context of the issues around pollution and seed disposal at the AltEn plant in Mead, Nebraska.

HQ OPA Assistance - I'm hoping to speak to you (or someone at the EPA who specializes in these matters) about the way the agency approaches treated seeds and the "treated article exemption," as well as to learn more about proper disposal methods.

REGION 7 - I also know that the EPA has been involved in monitoring the situation in Mead so would love to speak to you (or others in your office with direct knowledge of the issue) about the agency's work there.

Let me know if you're available for an interview sometime this week or early next, and I can work around your schedule. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Diana

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From: Green, Jamie (R7) <Green.Jamie@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 2:19 PM

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From: Weekley, Erin <weekley.erin@epa.gov>

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Thanks

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Candace is the POC for a multidivision team working on the AltEn site. To the extent questions are about that, she can be POC and the rest of the team will support in assisting with answers.

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Thanks,
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From: Bryan, David <Bryan.David@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 1:45 PM

To: Bednar, Candace <Bednar.Candace@epa.gov>; Weekley, Erin <weekley.erin@epa.gov>; Green, Jamie (R7) <Green.Jamie@epa.gov>

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From: Washburn, Ben <washburn.ben@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 11:18 AM
To: Bryan, David <Bryan.David@epa.gov>; Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>
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Sharing for awareness.

From: Beisser, Shannan
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:13 PM
To: Jones, Doug <jones.doug@epa.gov>
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We'll respond. You can let Diana know that a member of our regional press team will be contacting her.

Thanks, Doug!

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From: Jones, Doug <jones.doug@epa.gov>
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This is likely to be more in Jamie Green's wheelhouse, these are fairly specific questions related to pesticide use and enforcement. Please let me know how best to respond, or if you would like to respond. **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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Thanks,

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From: Diana Kruzman <dkruzman@grist.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:01 PM
To: Jones, Doug <jones.doug@epa.gov>
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Hi Doug,

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